

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 11-42 are added.

Support for new Claims 11-14 is found at now canceled Claims 1-3.

Support for new Claims 15-21 is found at now canceled Claims 4-10.

Support for new Claims 12-28 is found at now canceled Claims 4-10.

Support for new Claims 29-35 is found at now canceled Claims 4-10.

Support for new Claims 26-42 is found at now canceled Claims 4-10.

Support for the amendment to the specification at page 8, line 6 is found at page 8, lines 1-10.

When c is 2.0,

$$A_1 = [(4c-1) / (4c-4)] + [0.615/c] = [(4*2-1)/(4*2-4)]+[0.615/2] = 2.0575$$

$$A_2 = [(4c+1) / (4c+4)] + [0.615/c] = [(4*2+1)/(4*2+4)]+[0.615/2] = 1.0575.$$

$$\text{Therefore } 2.0575/1.0575 = 0.514$$

The amendment to the specification at page 9, line 10 corrects a minor clerical error by removing the word “material” which should not be present.

The amendment to Table 4 at page 15 corrects a minor typographical error which should state ($\times 10^6$ cycles) in the column for Fatigue cycle. Applicants note that Tables 2 and 6 also state ($\times 10^6$ cycles).

Support for the amendment is found in the claims and specification, as originally filed.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 11-42 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

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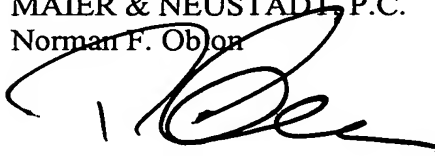
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